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## TAXATION CHANGES

Governor Harris Favors Recommendations to Be Made by the Ohio Tax Commission.

The report of the Tax Commission of Ohio which is to be submitted to the legislature by Governor Harris is about completed. A few days ago Governor Harris and members of the taxation committees of the two houses of the legislature met with the Tax Commission and considered the whole subject of taxation.

Immediately following this joint meeting it was announced that there was a surprising unanimity of opinion among all the conferees as to recommendations for legislative action.

There is no doubt but that Governor Harris now wants a constitutional amendment permitting classification of property for taxation. It is said the governor told the Tax Commission that when he appointed five lawyers to serve on that body, he did it with the idea that they would be able to find some way to reform the tax laws without a constitutional amendment, but that he was satisfied now the only remedy was a constitutional amendment.

It came from the executive offices that Governor Harris is in favor of a constitutional amendment and that he will recommend such action to the legislature.

The Tax Commission in its report will recommend a constitutional amendment; an appraisal of real estate oftener than once in ten years; the abolishment of the 20 different state boards that appraise and equalize taxation returns, and the appointment of one taxing commission therefore; the passage of a graduated inheritance tax; the extension of the Nichols law to all corporations, unless under the proposed amendment some better plan may be found, and separation of state and local taxes.

Governor Harris is in hearty sympathy with the whole program and with the support promised him in the legislature there is no doubt but that his plans will go through.

## EQUITY IN TAXATION

When children wish to frighten other children, they have to do so to slip up behind them and say, "Boo!"

When public speakers wish to terrify many people, all they have to do is to mount a platform, or issue a circular and say, "Taxes!"

"Boo!" "Taxes!" These are scare words. What are taxes?

Taxes are the people's contributions to the expenses of their own government; that is, their own protection.

Who should pay the most for protection? Those who have the most to protect.

There's your whole theory of taxation.

The only reason the word "Taxes" is so unpleasant is because experience has taught most people that, in general, the mention of taxes means more taxes.

Secretary Taft, in a recent speech, referred to an inheritance tax and an income tax. He was rather guarded in his remarks; he knew that "Taxes" and "Boo" had similar effects. But he did speak plainly in favor of an inheritance tax, and he left the impression that, under certain circumstances, he would not object to an income tax.

Along with other vital issues, this tax problem is sure to become more and more a matter of public concern. We may as well give it thought and consideration now.

It is apparent, theoretically speaking, that taxation should be proportionately equal.

It is also apparent that it is unequal. As a class, men of wealth do not share to the very power that has enabled them to be wealthy. And when they die, their great fortunes are passed on. With the help of the government, they amass these fortunes and preserve them, they build up businesses and operate them. And when the government says, "Pay your share for the protection that has given you all this money and business," they say "no."

It is a fundamental law, perceived by Adam Smith, John Stuart Mill and all the catalogue of economists, that every citizen should give proportionately of his resources for the stability of the government.

It is in an effort to bring about such equality that the inheritance and income taxes have come once more before the people.

For over 12 years England has had an inheritance tax. She boasts today that the burden of her taxation is laid most on those who benefit most by her government. And almost at the moment when President Roosevelt was publicly urging an inheritance tax, England's chancellor of the exchequer was telling the Commons, "The time has arrived for an inquiry into the practicability of a graduated tax on incomes."

These are big subjects. They mean a lot. You can't help being interested in them. Sooner or later you will be forced to make your decision.

Is a man revolutionary because he says, "I want to contribute to the government according to what my citizenship has brought me—and I want you to do the same thing?"—Albany (N. Y.) Times-Union.

## THE TEACHING OF AMERICAN HISTORY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Severely Criticized as Being as Circumscribed as a Catechism—Positive Harm Resulting From the Recognition of a Chronological Order of Events as History and Teaching the Same as Though is a Science Demonstrable to the Simplest Minds—All Public Libraries Should Constitute a Part of the Public School System.

By Charles E. Lukens.

The recognition of a chronological order of events as a science, demonstrable to the youngest mind is a crime for which no atonement can be made. Only an insignificant number of those who have lived in the three hundred years of our country's history had an opportunity to an avenue to which they could obtain an inkling of our country's history except that which is taught them as a science in the public school.

For three hundred years the entire mass of humanity have listened to one side upon the witness stand. Our histories are from one source and in one spirit. If it were the purpose of the author to write for commercial purposes he would be obliged to recognize the saying of Napoleon, "History is but fiction, agreed upon." An old error is said to be better than a new truth or rather a new revelation of an old truth. Our histories are necessarily circumscribed since they are taught scientifically. To object to the teaching of a catechism in the public school would not necessarily condemn the tenets of the catechism. The teaching of unauthentic history in our public schools is condemned for the same reason.

There should be a circulating library in every school in the state. The teaching of "scientific history" could be omitted and our youth upon graduation should be qualified to write a better history than many now in use. History is but biography. If we weave and interweave the biographies of men and women who have made an epoch or era, then we will have a history of that epoch or era. It is the purpose of the writer to appear upon the witness stand as a non-partisan, fully cognizant that three centuries have been spent in teaching the virtues of those against whom he will testify. He will be ready for cross-examination and every statement in itself will be a challenge for its own refutation. He will consider it a kindness and a favor if his attention is

called to any apparent exaggeration. As a parent and a patron of the public school he regards it his duty to neutralize or rather minimize the positive harm resulting from the teaching of scientific (?) history in the common school. At the age of eight years a child should become a regular patron of our "alleged" public library. He should have had at that age, five years of systematic and I may say scientific preparation. It is true that there are books in our public library that are without merit and some that may be harmful but none as injurious as text books. There is one caution that must be observed. A general course of reading should be carried out. Those injured by reading are those that read in but one channel which tends downward into sensationalism. It is only this class of reading that can injure the child.

It must be admitted that our histories are Puritan in origin and spirit. The writer is a Non-Puritan. Histories of the text book variety may be divided into two classes. First part consists of a recital of events that the historians wish us to know. Part second consists of what they are unable to conceal. The braggadocio manner in which they relate the latter has concealed the motives of their acts and consequently concealed their character. The Puritans two and one centuries ago manifested a great desire for books. They confiscated all the books that they could, and destroyed all that were not of their own authorship. We are told that one extreme follows another. The pendulum swings as far to the left of the perpendicular as it does to the right and as far from normal on one side as on the other. So are the Puritans today. They hold in confiscation millions of books that are the property of the people and so far as the masses are concerned it is of no consequence whether they burn them or keep them under guard, requiring unreasonable terms from the people for the use of their own property.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND GOVERNOR CURRY.

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"Oh, yis, I seen somethin' about that in the papers."

"Well, that's the answer. That's what they are trying to do."

"And how do they do it?" "They write a check for the amount of their money in the bank and give it to the teller, and he pays them the cash."

"That's cashing a check, isn't it?" "Yes, that's right."

"Sure, I know what a check is. Had one or two myself. But why do they go to the banks when they think they may close up? A bank at this time is no place to go to, sure. Why don't they go to a saloon and get it cashed there? That's where I always see mine cashed."

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